

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Gellman et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/738,378 **GROUP ART UNIT:** 3739

FILED: December 15, 2000 **EXAMINER:** Not Yet Assigned

TITLE: Bone Anchor Placement Device with Recessed Anchor Mount

DECLARATION OF CATHLEEN K. DYER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

This declaration is made as to the facts that are relied upon to establish the diligent efforts made to secure the execution of a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney by Stephen P. Beaudet, a co-inventor of the claimed subject matter of the above-identified patent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/738,378 (hereinafter "the '378 application"). This declaration is made by Cathleen K. Dyer, the person having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited herein.

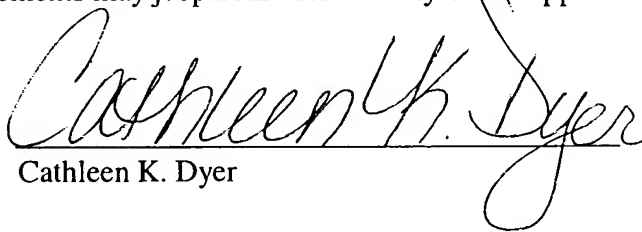
I, Cathleen K. Dyer, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a legal assistant employed by Boston Scientific Corporation ("BSC") in Natick, Massachusetts.
2. Boston Scientific Corporation is a parent corporation of Scimed Life Systems, Inc. ("Scimed"), the assignee of the '378 application.
3. By letter of February 20, 2002 (Exhibit A), I caused to be mailed, via Federal Express, to Mr. Beaudet's residence at 82 Whitcomb Ave., Littleton, MA 01460, a copy of the application as filed, which included the specification, claims, and drawings. Mailed with the application were Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment forms for his signature, so that formal requirements for obtaining a U.S. Patent could be completed.

4. On February 21, 2002, I obtained a copy of Federal Express' Track Shipment results (Exhibit B), which indicate that the package was received on February 21, 2002, and was signed for by B. Beaudet.
5. On February 26, 2002, I received a letter signed by Stephen P. Beaudet (Exhibit C), declining to execute the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment forms. There is no allegation in the letter that Messrs. Gellman, Sater, Morin, and Beaudet are not the properly named co-inventors of the subject matter claimed in the '378 application or that Scimed is not the owner of all right, title, and interest in the invention claimed therein. I have no reason to believe that Mr. Beaudet will be providing a signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney or Assignment form.
6. This Declaration is being filed to preserve the rights of the parties and to prevent irreparable damage that may result from abandonment of the '378 application.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Barry N. Gellman, Ghaleb A. Sater, Armand Morin, and Stephen P. Beaudet have invented one or more improvements in:

BONE ANCHOR PLACEMENT DEVICE WITH
RECESSED ANCHOR MOUNT

described in an application (or provisional application) for Letters Patent of the United States:

☐ identified by Attorney Docket No. BSC-065CP, and/or executed by us of even date herewith and about to be filed in the United States Patent Office;

☒ Serial No. 09/738,378 filed in the United States Patent Office on December 15, 2000; and

WHEREAS, SCIMED Life Systems, Inc. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having a usual place of business at One SCIMED Place, Maple Grove, MN 55311-1566, desires to acquire an interest therein, in accordance with agreements duly entered into with us;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for and in consideration of said agreements and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, our entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America, its territories and all foreign countries, in and to the inventions described in said application, together with our entire right, title and interest in and to said application and such Letters Patent as may issue thereon or claim priority under international convention, including but not limited to continuations, divisionals, reissues, and reexaminations of said application of such Letters Patent; said inventions, applications and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE for its own use and behalf and for its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made; we hereby convey all of our rights arising under or pursuant to any and all international agreements, treaties or laws relating to the protection of industrial property by filing any such applications for Letters Patent. We hereby acknowledge that this assignment, being of our entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, carries with it the right in ASSIGNEE to apply for and obtain from competent authorities in all countries of the world any and all Letters Patent by attorneys and agents of ASSIGNEE's selection and the right to procure the grant of all Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE for its own name as assignee of our entire right, title and interest therein.

AND, we hereby further agree for ourselves and our executors and administrators to execute upon request any other lawful documents and likewise to perform any other lawful acts which may be deemed necessary to secure fully the aforesaid invention to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, but at its or their expense and charges, including: the execution of applications for patents in foreign countries; the execution of substitution, reissue, divisional or continuation applications; and preliminary or other statements or the giving of testimony in any interference or other proceeding in which said inventions or any application or patent directed thereto may be involved; and

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we further hereby authorize ASSIGNEE or its attorneys or agents to insert the correct serial number and filing date into this assignment, if none is indicated on that date of our execution of this assignment;

AND, we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said application or applications based thereon to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives.


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the date set forth below.

Inventor: _____
Barry N. Gellman

Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
County of) ss


Subscribed and sworn to before me, by the above-named Barry N. Gellman this _____ day of _____, 2001.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

Inventor: 
Ghaleb A. Sater

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Inventor:

Stephen P. Beaudet

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known by me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

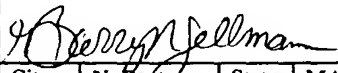

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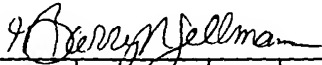

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TITLE: Bone Anchor Placement Device with Recessed Anchor Mount

DECLARATION OF SCOTT T. BLUNI UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

This declaration is made as to the facts which are relied upon to establish the diligent efforts made to secure the execution of a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney by Stephen P. Beaudet, a co-inventor of the claimed subject matter of the above-identified patent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/738,378 (hereinafter "the '378 application"). This declaration is made by Scott T. Bluni, the person having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited herein.

I, Scott T. Bluni, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a Patent Attorney with Boston Scientific Corporation, and I am authorized to act on behalf of the assignee of the '378 application, Scimed Life Systems, Inc., by virtue of the attached executed Limited Authorization to Act on Behalf of Assignee (Exhibit A).
2. Barry N. Gellman, Ghaleb A. Sater, Armand Morin, and Stephen P. Beaudet are named co-inventors of the subject matter of the '378 patent application, caused to be filed in the U.S. Patent Office on December 15, 2000.
3. The subject matter of the '378 application was conceived and reduced to practice while Messrs. Gellman, Sater, Morin, and Beaudet were employed by Boston Scientific Corporation. Mr. Beaudet is no longer employed by Boston Scientific Corporation.
4. By letter of February 1, 2001 (Exhibit B), I caused to be mailed to Mr. Beaudet's residence at 82 Whitcomb Ave., Littleton, MA 01460, a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

and Assignment forms for his signature so that formal requirements for obtaining a U.S. Patent could be completed.

5. I received a letter signed by Stephen P. Beaudet, dated February 6, 2001 (Exhibit C), declining to execute the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment forms. There is no allegation in the letter that Messrs. Gellman, Sater, Morin, and Beaudet are not the properly named co-inventors of the subject matter claimed in the '378 application or that Scimed Life Systems, Inc. is not the owner of all right, title, and interest in the invention claimed therein. I have no reason to believe that Mr. Beaudet will be providing a signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney or Assignment form.
6. Messrs. Gellman, Sater, and Morin each executed the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney form (Exhibit D) on February 1, 2001, February 6, 2001, and February 14, 2001, respectively.
7. Messrs. Gellman, Sater, and Morin each executed the Assignment form (Exhibit E) on February 14, 2001, February 6, 2001, and February 14, 2001, respectively.
8. This Declaration is being filed to preserve the rights of the parties and to prevent irreparable damage that may result from abandonment of the '378 application.

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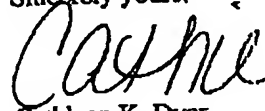
Re: "Bone Anchor Placement Device with Recessed Anchor Mount"
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Dear Messrs. Sater and Beaudet:

The above-referenced patent application was filed December 15, 2000. Enclosed you will find the Declaration and Assignment documents that need to be signed by the inventors. Please sign where indicated in blue ink and have the Assignment notarized as well. I have enclosed a Federal Express envelope to return the executed documents to me. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Cathleen K. Dyer
Legal Assistant to
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Enclosures

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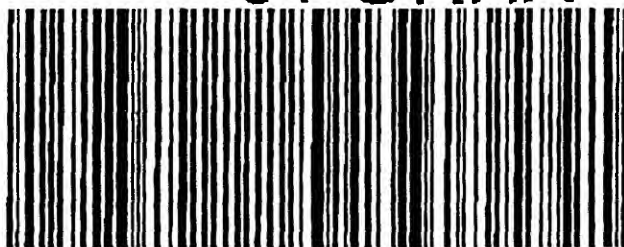
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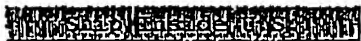


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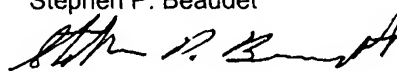
I decline to sign the enclosed documents under protest of the BSC patent award policy. Company "loyalty" aside, It is my firm belief that attending to one's own best interests should in no way disqualify a now- former employee from receiving the same, deserved, monetary recognition for contribution to a company-owned patent that a current employee receives. The time scale of the process is the major factor; had it not taken 3 years to reach this stage, I surely would have received the award for the work, finished long ago.

In my 11 -plus loyal years of service at BSC, I made many significant contributions to product development; to be compensated in a small way for the vast benefit that the company reaps due in part to one of those contributions seems a small sacrifice by the company. Had I known I would be denied this for removing myself from what I considered a deteriorating work environment, I may not have contributed so enthusiastically to the project.

Based on these arguments, I propose that this policy be changed, beginning with me. Perhaps length of service or circumstances of termination should be a consideration in the policy.

I apologize in advance for any inconvenience this causes you and others involved, but I strongly believe I am doing the right thing in principle.

Regards,
Stephen P. Beaudet



FEB 6, 2001

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Barry N. Gellman, Ghaleb A. Sater, Armand Morin, and Stephen P. Beaudet have invented one or more improvements in:

**BONE ANCHOR PLACEMENT DEVICE WITH
RECESSED ANCHOR MOUNT**

described in an application (or provisional application) for Letters Patent of the United States:

☒ identified by Attorney Docket No. BSC-065CP, and/or executed by us of even date herewith and about to be filed in the United States Patent Office;

☐ Serial No. filed in the United States Patent Office on December 15, 2000; and

WHEREAS, SCIMED Life Systems, Inc. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having a usual place of business at One SCIMED Place, Maple Grove, MN 55311-1566, desires to acquire an interest therein, in accordance with agreements duly entered into with us;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for and in consideration of said agreements and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, our entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America, its territories and all foreign countries, in and to the inventions described in said application, together with our entire right, title and interest in and to said application and such Letters Patent as may issue thereon or claim priority under international convention, including but not limited to continuations, divisionals, reissues, and reexaminations of said application of such Letters Patent; said inventions, applications and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE for its own use and behalf and for its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made; we hereby convey all of our rights arising under or pursuant to any and all international agreements, treaties or laws relating to the protection of industrial property by filing any such applications for Letters Patent. We hereby acknowledge that this assignment, being of our entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, carries with it the right in ASSIGNEE to apply for and obtain from competent authorities in all countries of the world any and all Letters Patent by attorneys and agents of ASSIGNEE's selection and the right to procure the grant of all Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE for its own name as assignee of our entire right, title and interest therein.

AND, we hereby further agree for ourselves and our executors and administrators to execute upon request any other lawful documents and likewise to perform any other lawful acts which may be deemed necessary to secure fully the aforesaid invention to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, but at its or their expense and charges, including: the execution of applications for patents in foreign countries; the execution of substitution, reissue, divisional or continuation applications; and preliminary or other statements or the giving of testimony in any interference or other proceeding in which said inventions or any application or patent directed thereto may be involved; and

Joint Assignment

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we further hereby authorize ASSIGNEE or its attorneys or agents to insert the correct serial number and filing date into this assignment, if none is indicated on that date of our execution of this assignment;

AND, we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said application or applications based thereon to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the date set forth below.

Inventor: _____
Barry N. Gellman

Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
County of) ss

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by the above-named Barry N. Gellman this _____ day of _____, 2001.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

Inventor: _____
Ghaleb A. Sater

Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, by the above-named Ghaleb A. Sater this _____ day of _____, 2001.

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Inventor: _____
Armand Morin

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, by the above-named Armand Morin this _____ day of _____, 2001.

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Inventor: ~~VOID~~^{ssb}
Stephen P. Beaudet

Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, by the above-named Stephen P. Beaudet this 3rd day of FEBRUARY, 2001.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known by me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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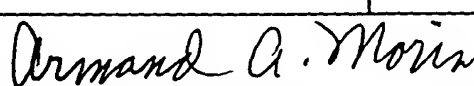
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